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Uncomfortable, disturbing or harmful electrostatic discharge is prevented or reduced by a system which reduces static charges on a person on a periodic basis as the charge is built up. Points of contact are provided which correspond to points the user will contact either by touch or by time-extended contact or continuously in the normal course of operation. The system can be used in mouse pads, the mouse itself, a keyboard, or headphones or earpieces or the like.